

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 1631, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to direct the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a study to determine the resources that are needed for development of an effective nationwide communications system for emergency response personnel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–127)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Federal Long-Term Care Insurance:** Senate passed H.R. 2559, to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Federal long-term care insurance, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Small Business Paperwork Relief Act:** Senate passed S. 1271, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small business concerns with certain Federal paperwork requirements, and to establish a task force to examine information collection and dissemination, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Kennedy (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2612, to provide for the task force to examine the feasibility of measures to strengthen the dissemination of information.

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Kennedy (for Kerry) Amendment No. 2613, to modify the appointment of members of the task force.

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**National Museum of African American History and Culture:** Senate passed H.R. 3442, to establish the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of the National Museum of African

American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., clearing the measure for the President. Page S13364

**Elementary and Secondary Education Act Authorization Conference Report:** Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, with a vote on adoption of the conference report to occur at 12 noon.

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**Federal Farm Bill:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, and to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471, in the nature of a substitute, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 12:30 p.m., and adjourned at 5:46 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13364.)

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.